

# The Voice

## Algona High School The Turkey Holiday

Clarissa Laubenthal

What is on your table when it is Thanksgiving: is turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, or sweet potatoes? How about: cranberry sauce, corn, salads, pies, cookies, cakes, and other desserts? Thanksgiving is a day to spend time with friends and family, also to celebrate a good harvest and a good year to come. To most it is a day for eating, drinking, and watching football. For the original

ones that helped us get this holiday started it was different.

It started in September 1620 when our four fathers came on the Mayflower and left for Plymouth. They were seeking freedom of own religion, new laws, and to start a new life in a new world. The Mayflower held 102 passengers with its crew. It took them 2 months and 6 days to arrive at their destinations. The winter conditions they stayed on the boat and got scurvy or outbreaks of contagious diseases. In May they would

find the Native Americans with the help of Native Americans 51 were able to survive.

In November 1621 the pilgrims and the Naïve Americans gathered and gave thanks for their harvest and survival. At the feast most researchers believe that deer, wild game, and wild first and grown first and vegetables were eaten. Much like to what we have for own feasts. In 1941 thanksgiving was set for the fourth Thursday of November. The person who passed this bill was Franklin D. Roosevelt. Today we celebrate with parades, football, friends and family.

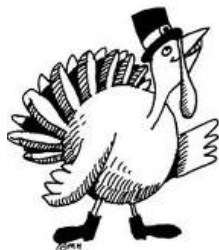
### Quotes

What do you think of Thanksgiving?

Tashia Lemus " Die turkeys Die."

Mr. Bormann " I like turkey."

Cane Arrowood "Turkey and football it's a man world."



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## Harry Potter

Jacob Foust

Harry starts out in his house with his family. But they are all leaving him. His uncle says its not safe so that's why they are leaving. But shortly after Hagrid, Hermionie, "Mad Eye" Moody, and all of Ron's family.

When they are at the house they take a potion that transforms their bodies to look exactly like Harry Potter. They all are going to meet at Rons, but on the way they are ambushed from Voldemort and his army of guys.

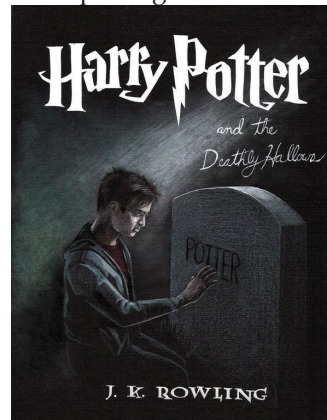
Later that night after they all meet back up they are at a wedding. The wedding gets attacked by Voldemort and his army again. So professor Lupin tells Harry, Ron, and Herminie to go and they teleport to some were in the forest. When they get there Harry sets up a tent and Herminie start putting

protection spells around the camp so no one will know they are there.

They travel for days trying to find horcruckles. On there way they find Sirius Black's childhood house where they think the horcrucke is at. At his house they find a creature and order the creature to find out who took the horcruck. A day later he comes back with a person that knows who took it. He tells them where to find this lady and they go search for her. They have to go to the Ministry of Magic just to get it.

Once they finally get the horcrucks, they try to destroy it, but they cant so they go for days trying to think of ways to destroy it. Finally they find a way to destroy it, they use the Gryffindor sword.

John Etler says, "It was a solid movie."



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## Bake Sale

Jenni Weaver

Algona High's leadership class held a bake sale for the Bowman-Hall family on Friday November 19. Types of items that were on the bake sale, consisted of sweets, and goodies. You had the option of buying something to eat or leaving a donation. Each item was only a dollar. This bake sale raised \$756.15. Connor Barber, a leadership student said "it was a great way to skip class." "There were so many delicious items to choose from," Stated Janelle

Wittenberg. The bake sale was a good opportunity to raise money for the Bowman-Hall family as they make it through this tough tragedy.



## Automotive

Logan Thill

Automotive class starts at 8 o'clock am every school day. We spend three periods in auto. The first period and a half is in the classroom and the other half of the time we spend out in the shop. In the shop we recently got an old Mercury Zephyr running that had set in a shed for a long time. The only real big problem with why the vehicle was not running was the gas tank and fuel lines were rusted and had to be

replaced. Once the lines and tank were replaced the car started up just like it was new.

The automotive shop is looking for oil changes, tire rotations, leak detection, break inspection etc. If your vehicle needs to be fixed send it to the auto shop. If you have questions about what can be fixed in the auto shop contact Mr. Klemm or any of the kids in auto class.

## Construction ahead, I'll get it to you Tomorrow

Cane Arrowood &amp; Jeremy Black

This year's construction project has been underway since early September. The crew this year is working on adding a new garage to Mr. Morgan's house. It is a two stall garage with a breeze way to his home. Mr. Gerhart's class is responsible for making this project happen. So far, the crew has dug trenches, laid cement, built walls, and are on the process of shingling now. Jake Anderson, leading

man of the crew, says, "We do a lot of nailing."

Mr. Morgan was asked why he chose the school to build the garage. He said "Good opportunity for our student, and the timing was good for the both of us." The class makes lots of progress daily. With the Iowa winter on its way, Morgan expects it to slow down. Morgan's final word on the project is "Looks great."



Gerhart being a clown on the ladder while his students do all the work



Morgan's garage as of last week

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## Boy's basketball

John Krause

The boy's basketball team had a scrimmage on Saturday. They played West Hancock. They lost in a hard fought game 47-42. This was a game that didn't count on the record so it was a good first game. The Bulldogs only returning two letter winners from last year are Ryan and Michael McMahon. This game was good for the team to see where they are coming into the season and what they have to work with. With the loss of 7 seniors from last year's team they are lacking experience. Ryan McMahon led the Dogs with 18 points. In this game everyone that suits varsity got to play.

since it isn't counted on the record. This game was for the Hall of Pride benefit scrimmage. Dylan Cink says, "I enjoyed helping out the community."

Next Saturday they will have another scrimmage against Garner. They will then go to Fort Dodge to the Jamboree, where they will play Carroll Kuemper. They will then go on to play their first regular season game on Monday November 29th at Charles City. Their first home conference game will be against Iowa Falls on December 3rd.

## Hall of Pride Scrimmage

Mackenzie Siefken

The Bulldogs girls came together with local team West Hancock for a first time in Algona history in the Iowa Hall of Pride Challenge this past Saturday November 20<sup>th</sup>.

This past Saturday night the Algona girls had their first outing on the basketball court. It was a scrimmage for the good of the cause. Iowa Hall of Pride held a scrimmage at Algona high school with two teams playing. Britt West Hancock and the Algona Bulldogs.

The game started at 6:30 Saturday night and the Bulldogs fought for the win, but came up short. They lost the scrimmage after 4

quarters of play with the score 67-38. Starting lineup for the Bulldogs was Paige Yi, Megan Gerhardt, Jade Simpson, Heather Ziesman, and Mackenzie Siefken.

The money that was raised from the game at the admission gate goes to the Kossuth county Crisis Center, and the money that was collected from the Concession stands goes to Project ASC. Both teams brought a toy for toys for tots for their community shelter. Lots of toys and lots of money was raised and brought smiles to a lot of family's faces this winter.

## BALLER

By: Zach McKenna

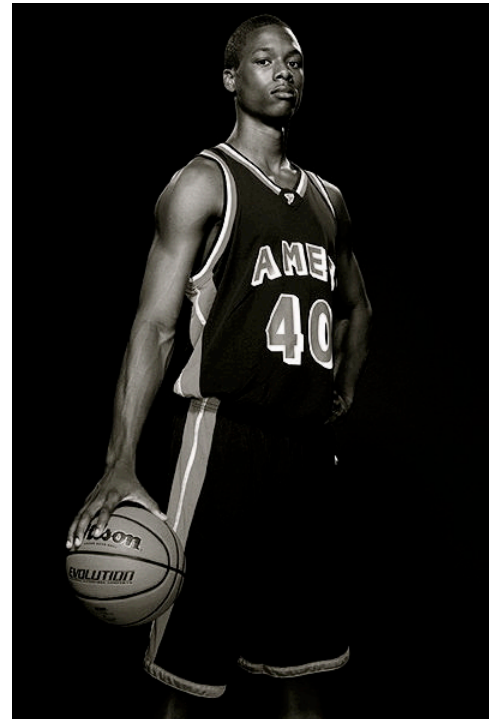
Harrison Barnes is from Ames Iowa. The Hometown hero stands 6ft 8in and weighs in at 210 lbs. In his high school game he finished with a championship in the class 4A finals with 24 points and 8 rebounds, ending the season with a record of 26-0. After that he was invited to play in the Boost Mobile, Skip To My Lou, Nike Hoop Summit and the 2010 McDonalds All-American Game where he led the West to a victory of 107 to 104 victory. After that he also play in the 2010 Jordan Brand Classic where he was the MVP. All of that he was in his Junior year of high school.

In Barnes senior year he led his team to a

27-0 season winning second straight state title which he had 19 points to finish off his final game. Barnes capped of his season with 1,787 points.

Going into college Barnes probably had one of the hardest choices that any high school would have to choose. Where should he go to school. His choices where Duke, Iowa State, Kansas, North Carolina, Oklahoma, and UCLA. He finally made his decision and chose North Carolina.

Harrison Barnes played a exhibition game in the Bahamas and scored 21 points and they won 130-87. On November 1 Barnes was named preseason All-American by the AP. Which he is the first freshman ever to receive this honor.



Above: Harrison Barnes



## Marooned at Sea

Taylor Prothman

The Carnival cruise ship *Splendor* was stranded at sea on November 8, 2010, 200 miles south of San Diego.

The reason for the ship to stop functioning was a fire in the engine room that knocked out the main generator.

The ship was loaded with 3,299 passengers and 1,167 crew members. The U.S. Coast Guard and the Navy were dropping off cold food and water onto the ship.

The ship arrived

in port in San Diego on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November. 3,297 of the 3,299 walked off the ship unharmed two of the passengers were medically assisted off the ship due to health reasons not relating to the ship.

The passengers quoted that "they were treated very well on the ship the crew did a nice job at accommodating to every ones needs and keeping everyone calm." Everyone in the trip will also be refunded their tickets and given a free replacement trip.

## In Memory of Vicki Bowman-Hall

Destiny Smith

Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup> 2010, tragedy strikes small town Algona, Iowa when a young boy decided to rob the local Crossroads gas station at gunpoint. Vicki Bowman-Hall was working that evening when Michael Swanson from St. Louis Park, Minnesota entered her store. It is said Crossroads was held up at about 9 p.m. During the robbery Vicki was approached by Swanson who was carrying a duffle bag and wearing a ski mask, Swanson demanded money and cigarettes. Vicki complied to his demands and then he shot her. Michael had what he wanted but it is said he was in fear of being identified later. An hour later Swanson entered the Humboldt Kum n Go where he repeated these actions.

No one quite understands why these actions were committed.

What we do know is Vicki Bowman-Hall was an amazing woman working many different shifts a week to support her loving family. To many people they believe there was no reason for her to be shot, when wearing a ski mask she would not have been able to identify the mysterious masked man. The children are distraught and misunderstanding. How do you tell 11 children that a 17-year-old boy has murdered their mother? One daughter left a comment on kcci.com:

"My mother had a rough upbringing with many struggles-she never deserved to die this way. I feel for the family of the other woman. I now have 10 brothers and sisters and a very distraught father and stepfather who are at a loss for what to do or how to pick up the very broken pieces of our lives. Forgiveness

## Bowling or not?

John Etler

It was a rough weekend in the state of Iowa for football. Both the Cyclones and the Hawkeyes were on the wrong side of the scoreboard when the final buzzer sounded.

Iowa State played what turned out to be their last game of the season in a loss to #15 Missouri. The final score in that game was 14-0. This loss will keep the Cyclones out of a bowl game this year due to not earning 6 wins this season. Iowa State ends their season with a record of 5-7.

The Hawkeyes also had a tough game this weekend. They played #9 Ohio State at home but came up short in the end. Ohio State scored in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter to take the lead 20-17. Iowa then had a chance to score but gave the ball pack to Ohio State. The Hawkeyes immediately stopped them and got the ball back with less then 30 seconds on the clock. The attempts came up short and Ohio State came out with a victory. This drops the Hawkeyes record to 7-4.



is between God and their killer, for whom I am angry, bitter, and confused. What did these women do?"

Not only is the family of Vicki upset, but also the whole community is outraged and upset. So much love in our small tight-knit area, as upsetting this is, our community is helping each other through this day by day. There have been flowers set at Crossroads in respect for the loss of a mother. There are many food drives being ran for the family. Donations are being taken at several banks. Algona High School held a bake sale Friday, November 19, 2010,

and will be doing Penny Wars after Thanksgiving to support the family.

The loss is tragic but as a community we can support the Bowman-Hall family through all their struggles. Vicki Bowman-Hall did not deserve to pass this way. May she rest in peace with God and be shining down upon her family. To the community: every way you can help is appreciated. As a small community we are a family. Let us now realize how close we are.

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## Who is Sherry Conferences!

### Jeseritz?

D.J. Throckmorton

Sherry Jeseritz, as you all may know, is a secretary here at AHS. Sherry says, "I enjoy coming to work every day." Sherry has also worked in a dental office in Minnesota and had a home day care service in her home in Marshall, Minnesota. Sherry attended Dawson/Boyd High School, in Dawson, Minnesota. She graduated in 1973 with the largest graduating class of 104 students.

After high school next she attended Camby Area Vocational School and studied to be a dental assistant. After attending a year at Camby Area

Vocational School Sherry graduated in 1974 with a degree in Dental Assisting. When she moved to Iowa Sherry applied at O.B. Lang Middle School for a position as a part time secretary. Sherry later was transferred to the high school.

She currently lives in Algona, Iowa with her husband, Gary. Sherry has two children, son Jeremy and daughter Kelly. Jeremy lives in Estherville and manages in three hog sites. Kelly just finished pastry school at Le Cordon Bleu in Minneapolis and now is presently in Des Moines looking for a job.



Above: Sherry Jeseritz

### Pitchers

Karl Nicolaus

Whittemore's finest and only restaurant is Pitchers. Pitchers is located in downtown Whittemore, you can't miss it. Pitchers offers a bar and grill atmosphere and a relaxing family section. Nightly specials are, all you can eat broasted chicken on Tuesdays, tacos Wednesday, BB-Q ribs Fridays and delicious prime rib on Saturday nights. Along with the main course meal, they have a salad and dessert bar. "That place is delicious, they should bring the curly fries back" Nathan Simpson.

Lunch specials are also available Tuesday – Friday, along with the normal menu. The menu has many sandwich choices and dinner choices. Pitchers have excellent hamburgers that are served with fries. If your stomach desires something better, maybe a ribeye, sirloin, or New York strip steak? They are all available at Pitchers in downtown Whittemore.

Jackie Hutchison

Algona High School had conferences on Tuesday November 9, and Thursday November 11 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. They are for students and their parents to go see how there students are doing in school. The conferences took place in the teachers rooms. Some parents and students don't come but they still get their report card. About 200 parents came to their

student's conferences.

Some of the teachers want help from the students to help hand out there report cards when their parents came in. The teachers really wanted to say thank you to all the students that helped with that. During conferences they also had a Junior Parents signup for prom duties.

## First No School Day, More too come – Hopefully from senior class!!!!!!!

Matt Olson

On November 22, 2010 school was called off for ACSD. The reason for the cancellation was due to weather that moved in late Monday morning. The temperature was cold enough for snow, but we received freezing drizzle, which caused the roadways to become very slick for people driving on them. The decision to cancel school was obviously a

great call by superintendent Marty Fonley. The safety of students driving to school and those riding the bus is the major decision for calling off school due to inclement weather. Hopefully, there are many more snow days coming. Speaking for the seniors, snow days are free days for seniors because they don't have to be made up at the end of the year.



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**Elections**

## bring change

Tyler Mawdsley

The 2010 elections have come and gone, and the American people have spoken...loudly. In gubernatorial, Senate, and House elections across the United States, Republicans took a lot of seats. The U.S. House of Representatives is now controlled by the Republican Party with an advantage of at least 239 members, well over the needed 218 majority. Also, former Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi (D) was ousted by John Boehner (R). The Democrat Party still maintains control of the Senate, with a margin of 53-46. GOP members won gubernatorial seats in 29 states. In Iowa's own governor election, Terry Branstad (R) defeated ex-Governor Chet Culver (D) with a 53% of all votes over Culver's 43.3%.

Many reasons have been given for the change of power this past election.

Some people have said they don't think that issues like unemployment, now at 9.6% on a national scale, have been handled properly. In a recent poll survey, 67% of Americans who responded said they believe the country is headed in the wrong direction, while 28% believed the US is headed in the right direction. The November Kaiser Health Tracking Poll discovered earlier this month that 25% of the U.S. thinks that they and their families are better off from Obama's originally very popular national healthcare law. Mr. Connick said, "United States politics is like a pendulum that swings between liberal and conservative. I think people believe that the current policies have become too liberal since the Bush administration. Over time the pendulum will swing back to the liberal side again."

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## Nightmare comes to life

Chris Arend

Only the best of the best can make it to the top of the list on the U.S. Billboard 200 chart. Bands like Metallica, Disturbed, and Godsmack have all shared multiple albums to reach the top. Finally, after 5 albums, Avenged Sevenfold can now add their name to the list of bands to have an album reach #1 on the billboard 200 list. Their latest album, *Nightmare*, was released on July 27<sup>th</sup>, but was not put on the list until August 14<sup>th</sup>. *Nightmare* sold over 175,000 albums in its first week sales, and received the best rating of any album Avenged Sevenfold has ever put out. It was on top for a week, until it was replaced by the new Arcade Fire album *The Suburbs*.

Avenged Sevenfold drummer James "The Rev" Sullivan had been in the band since its creation, but a week before production on the album could begin, he was found dead inside his home after combined effects of alcohol, cocaine, and pain relievers. Production of the

album crawled to a dead stop, but then resumed one month after the death of "The Rev." "This album really shows how well the band stays together even through hard times, they truly are inspirational." Freshman Derek Mawdsley stated. The entire album, *Nightmare*, is dedicated to the memory of Sullivan, including changing the name of the last name of the album. As quoted by lead guitarist Synyster Gates, "The new album, *Nightmare*, is dedicated to "The Rev's" memory and although it's not exactly a concept album, it does center around "The Rev." The eeriest thing about it is there is a song on the album called "Fiction" (a nickname "The Rev" gave himself) which started out with the title "Death". And it was the last song The Rev wrote for the album, and when he handed it in, he said, 'That's it, that's the last song for this record'. And then, 3 days later, he died." Avenged Sevenfold will never be the same without Sullivan, but recovery is in progress.

